

Luigi Meschini – CV

Luigi is Partner at Unfold Tomorrow, the company managing Dock Startup Lab, an incubator that supports talented individuals from more than 70 Italian and European universities in building new ventures. To date, Dock Startup Lab has helped create 35 startups that remain active and have collectively raised over €7 million in venture capital.

Luigi is also General Partner of The Only Planet, a new pre-seed investment vehicle currently being launched. Over the past ten years, he has held increasingly senior positions at VenturePath, formerly The Accelerator Network, a UK-based investment and acceleration firm. Most recently, he served as Pre-Series A Lead, overseeing investments with ticket sizes of up to £2 million.

During his career, Luigi directed FastForward London, the UK's first pre-accelerator, supporting startups and entrepreneurial talent from leading British universities, including UCL, London South Bank University, Brunel University and Loughborough University. He has also managed investment and acceleration programmes in collaboration with UK public and ecosystem organisations, including Capital Enterprise, Innovate UK, Immerse UK and Cyber 101.

Luigi has directed and contributed to several international acceleration and investment programmes. He served as Director of the Global Startup Programme Italy–UK, supporting startups selected by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Italian Trade Agency. He has also served on startup selection and investment committees for organisations and programmes involving the World Bank, Rainmaking, Barclays and NatWest.

Before moving into the startup and investment ecosystem, Luigi worked as a lawyer and legal counsel, advising companies on technology and innovation matters, commercial agreements, shareholders' agreements, term sheets and due diligence. He is admitted to the Italian Bar.

Luigi also teaches entrepreneurship and innovation at Xenophon College in London and regularly serves as a mentor, speaker and judge at international startup events and programmes. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Law from LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome.